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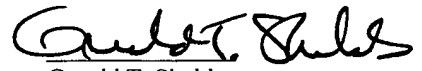
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:)
Holderer, et al.)
Serial No.: 10/757,189)
Conf. No. 3591)
Filed: January 14, 2004)
For: Optical Measuring System, and a Protection)
Objective)
Examiner: R.N. Punnoose)
Art Unit: 2877)

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sirs:

The Restriction Requirement of June 15, 2006 has been carefully reviewed and the following is in response thereto.

REMARKS

In the above identified Office Action, the examiner has required restriction to one of two inventions: Group 1, claims 1-22 drawn to an optical measuring system and Group 2, claims 23-50, drawn to a projection objective. Applicant hereby elects group 1, claims 1-22, with traverse.

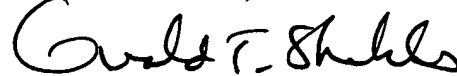
Applicant believes the restriction requirement to be improper in so far as the claims of the

two groups are so interlinked as to require a search to be conducted in identical classes. Accordingly, applicant believes that a search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, even though applicant agrees that the two enumerated inventions may be independent and distinct. Therefore pursuant to MPEP § 803 the examiner should examine the entire application on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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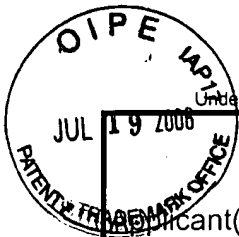
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Invention: Optical Measuring System, And A Projection Objective

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